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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	) INFORMATION
Plaintiff,	) ) (18 U.S.C. § 1341) ) (42 U.S.C. § 1383a(a)(2))
v.	(42 U.S.C. § 1383a(a)(2)
CYNTHIA MARSALIS HOOD,	) )
Defendants.	· )

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES THAT:

#### COUNT 1

(False Statement for Use in Determining Rights to a Social Security Benefit)

On or about November 16, 2010, in the State and District of Minnesota, the defendant,

### CYNTHIA MARSALIS HOOD,

did knowingly and willfully make and cause to be made a false statement and representation of material fact for use by the Social Security Administration in determining rights to Supplemental Security Income payments. Specifically, when providing information support minor W.H.'s and minor J.H.'s eligibility for Supplemental Security Income payments, defendant Cynthia Hood falsely stated that her household consisted of herself and minors W.H., J.H., and G.H. and that her husband lived in Iowa managing a In truth and in fact, as defendant Cynthia Hood well knew, her husband was also living in and supporting the household and receiving income, as he had been since the birth of the children in

January 1998. All in violation of Title 42, United States Code, OCT U 1 2012

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Section 1383a(a)(2).

# COUNT 2 (Mail Fraud)

From in or about April 1, 2011, in the State and District of Minnesota, the defendant,

## CYNTHIA MARSALIS HOOD,

with the intent to defraud, devised and willfully participated in, with knowledge of its fraudulent nature, a scheme and artifice to defraud and obtain money by materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises. For the purposes of executing and attempting to execute the scheme and artifice to defraud and deprive, defendant knowingly caused to be delivered by United States mail according to the direction thereon the following matter, to-wit, a \$674.00 payment from the Social Security Administration of SSI benefits, SSI Check Number 4028-64391810 to her minor child, W.H., in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341.

### FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS

Count 2 of this Information is hereby realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth herein by reference, for the purpose of alleging forfeitures pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

As the result of the offense alleged in Count 2 of this Information, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), and

Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341.

If any of the above-described forfeitable property is unavailable for forfeiture, the United States intends to seek the forfeiture of substitute property as provided for in Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c). The property subject to forfeiture includes, but is not limited to, the following:

The real property located at 4 North Mallard Road, North Oaks, Minnesota 55127.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(C), 1341, 1383a(a)(2), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

Dated: October 1, 2012

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